ton's and Jordan's morgues this afterwho had been on their feet for forty-eight hours, constantly searching for those they had lost. The greater number of dead are in these two places, and men who had viewed the ghastly number of dead ars in these two was and men who had viewed the ghastly rows of corpses before and had gone on unavailing searches to every other motique and undertaking room in the city to which the dead from the theatre had been taken, came back once more to Reiston's and Jordan's, almost in despair, but hoping against hope that they might have overlooked their dead in the great number that had crowded the tables and floors on Thursday mernian, in some cases they were successful; in many others they were not. Practically all of the bedies which admit of careful identification have been carried away, and of those which remain, the majority are in such a condition that only the most minute and careful inspection will be able to reveal their identity to those who knew them best.

A Sad Case.

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One of the saddest cases was that of Herbert and Agnes Lange, of 1622 Barry Avenue. Both children had attended the performance and after many hours of theless searching the broken-hearted rather finally found the daughter, Agnes, in an undertaking establishment.

Mr. Lange almost exhausted through his continuous trips from mergue to morgue, from bospital to hospital, from police stations to the coroner's office and then back through the weardsome round again and again, came this afternoon in utter despair to the office of Chief of Police O'Neill and begged two detectives to assist him. He also pleaded with newspaper men and his voice choked and failed as he referred to his wife, who lay utterly prostrated at their home. Mr. Lange said these were his only children and the detectives and newspaper men promised him every assistance, though they themselves were almost worn out by long hours of work. Finally, the body of the girl was found and the broken-hearted father gathered up the little form and took it to his carriage.

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Mr. Lange's sorrow was turned to joy when he reached his home to-night. As he drove up to the door with the body, which he had brought from the morgue as that of his daughter, he was greeted by his wife, who told him that their two children had returned home this evening in safety. They had become dazed apparently and had been wandering around the city without knowing where they were. Mr. Lange at once returned to the morgue with the body of the little girl which he thought to be of his own child.

child.

"There was so little by which I could recognize the body," he said, "that I was confident that I never would be able to satisfy my own mind absolutely that it was my daughter, but at the same time there were some strong points of resemblance, and I concluded that it must be she."

Many Calls.

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The funeral of the two Regensburg children was held this afternoon at the home of their parents. No. 349 Michigan Avenue, in the heart of the aristocratic section of the Southside, Because of the many calls upon his time, Dr. Emil E. G. Hirsch, who conducted the services, announced that he would be able to deliver only a short address. In four other homes of the members of his congregation lay the bodies of children waiting for him to officiate at their funerals. From the Regensburg home Dr. Hirsch went to that of Dr. Joseph Zeisler, No. 1965 Lake Park Avenue, to attend the funeral of another young victim, Walter E. Zeinier, who was considered one of the brightest students in the University of Chicago.

experience of this one clergyman round from home to home is but tance of what dozens of other min-were called upon to perform during

by the demands made upon them, and carnestly urged that as far as possible the relatives should content themselves with a carriage for the pall-bearers, the hearse and one other carriage for the family. Where there were more members of the family than could conveniently ride in the single carriage, they were compelled to make their way to the centery by other methods of transportation. This was the cituation in Chicago today, and to morrow it will be intensified. The coroner's office to-day issued nearly 200 burial certificates for people killed in the fire. Some of these were for people residing in other cities, but they were comparatively few.

Police Inquiry.

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The police to-day visorously pushed their inquiry into the causes of the fire and made several arrests of stage hands, among them William McMullen, the among them William McAlulien, the operator of the light which started the fire. He was locked up at the Central Station, and Wilson Kerr, a fly man at the theatre, was also placed in a cell. Fifteen members of the double octette, in the same "In the Pele

which takes part in the song "In the Pale Moonlight," have been also Moorlight," have been placed under ar-rest by the police, Miss Romaine being the sole one who has so formine being rest by the police, hiss formane cents the sole one who has so far cluded the detectives. They are wanted as witnesses, and there is no charge against any of them. Orders were issued by Chief of Police Oneil to-night that none of the fifteen would be released unless a bond of \$5,000 was furnished.

McMullen, the light operator, underwent

McMullen, the light operator, underwent a searching examination by Assistant Chief of Police Schuettler this afternoon McMullen's story is as follows:
"I was standing on the iron bridge at the right side of the stage, from which spot light' is operated. The lump seemed the stage condition but in the middle of in good condition, but in the middle of the second act, just as I changed from a white light to a blue one, th eare be tween the carbons spluttered and jumped. tween the carbons splittered and jumped. A spark struck the frayed edge on the inside of the border of the certain dragery. A flame which I should say was about twelve inches long, shot up. I abandoned the lamp and clapped my hands upon the flames, but they spread in spite of me. I called to have the fire curtain lowered, and yelled to the house freman to help me. He came with a patent fire extinguisher, which had no effect on the flames. Finantly I jumped from the bridge to the stage. A little child in one of the front boxes had already been badly burned. I seized her and carried her out and then returned to the theatre. Here I

A Bad Stomach

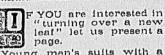
Lessens the usefulness and mars the bap piness of life,

It's a weak stomach, a stomach that car not properly perform its functions. Among its symptoms are distress after eating, nausea between meals, heartburn belching, vomiting, flatulence and nervou

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures a bad stomach, indigestion and dyspepsia, and the cure is permanent. Accept no substitute,





Young men's suits with a dash—the go—the snap— the fit that you all appreciate and fail to get at the average tallor's, here at \$18.

we will buy the suit back if it fails to back up our word. TROUSERS SALE.

Fine \$9.00 Trousers, \$6.78. Fine \$7.80 Trousers, \$8.78. Fine \$6.00 Trousers, \$4.78. 'Nough said, if you need



MEN & BOYS' OUTFITTERS.

believe they have the last important witness among the theatre employes who are essential to a complete inquiry at the coroner's inquiry,

FINE SHOWING THIS.

Norfolk and Western Increases Income in Great Strides.

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The new auditor of the Norfolk and Western Rallway, Mr. Joseph W. Coxe, has just issued a comparative statement of the earnings and expenses of that system for the month of November, 193, showing a most satisfactory increase in gross earnings and in surplus. The earnings from passengers, mail and express for the month were £22,576,92, compared with £35,241,02 for the same month last year, and from freight, £1,479,024,78, compared with £1,397,88,29 for the same month last year, an increase for November of 1900 of £44,335,29 in the one case, and of £36,234,85 in the other. The total increase in earnings for the month is £142,547.5. Total operating expenses for the month were £1,25,180,16, an increase over the corresponding month of 1902 of £5,554,77. The net earnings were £43,421,23, an increase of £76,685,28, or thirteen per cent. The surplus of net earnings over fixed charges increased during the month £1,118,14, compared with November, 1902.

For the five months from July 1st to December 1st, 1903, the total earnings were: Passengers, mail and express, \$1,111,703,55, and from freight, \$1,529,499,44, a total of 19,561,175,90, compared with \$2,500,55, and increase for 100 of £1,157,157,55 or fourteen per cent. The operating expenses for the five months of 1903 were \$5,719,40,61, compared with \$1,605,£20,61 for the five months of the previous year, an increase for the five months of the previous year, an increase for the previous year, an increase for the five months of the previous year, an increase for the previous year, an increase for the five months of the previous year, an increase for the five months of the previous year, an increase for the five months of the previous year, an increase for the five months of the previous year, an increase for the five months of the previous year.

BUYERS REVOLT.

Declare They Will No Longer Pay the Warehouse Tax.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., January I.—A lively meeting of the Farmville Tobacco Board was held Thursday modding in the Randolph Warehouse. The question discussed was the four cents tax paid by the buyers on every one hundred pounds purchased from the warehouses, and the matter brought forth spirited arguments from commission men, wholesale men and buyers.

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The buyers claim that they are being imposed on in paying the four cents tax; that they are paying the warehouses yearly large sums of money for the privilege of buying, and that it is coming out of their individual pockets.

The buyers say they will not pay the tax any longer, which means that they will not buy any more tobacco on this market as the matter stands now.

The board, when the tax was taken off

The board, when the tax was taken off of the buyers at a meeting held some time since, put the tax on the farmers, but the farmers would not stand for it, threatening to boycott the market, and it was quickly taken off of their shoulders.

ders.

The matter has created considerable excitement in tobacco circles, and the outcome will be watched with much interest

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Three Men Under Arrest for Shooting Burgin Yarberry. The Missing Mail Carrier.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., January 1.—Deputy Sheriffs Williams and Wells returned

uty Sheriffs Williams and Wells returned from Cane Creek at 2 o'clock this morning, bringing with them John Merrill, Albert Nesbitt and Horace Merrill, charged with shooting Burgin Yarberry in Martland Cove, on Cane Creek, Monday night, at Advance. The men were given a hearing this afternoon. Sheriff Reed went to Limestone last night and took the dying deposition of Yarberry. When he left Yarberry was barely alive, and could hardly live through the afternoon.

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Yarberry in his deposition says that they were all at a dance when the row started, and that he was knocked down and put out of the cabin by Nesbitt; that the two Merrills and Nesbitt ran out and opend fire on him. Yarberry ran off, and after going about 50 yard fell, and the three men, coming up, jumped on him, and Nesbitt struck him on the head with a rock.

The men then left Yarberry for dead. The wounded man crawled to the settlement and was taken from there to his mother's home, near Arden, where he was attended by physicians.

Banquet of First Class.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
LEXINGTON, VA., Jan 1.—The first
class of the Virginia Military Inatitute
held their New Year's banquet at Hotel
Lexington last night. There were slaty
covers loid, and the occasion was one
filled with wit and humor, good cheer
and excellent speeches, a delightful menu
and capityating music.

The banquet concluded with the singing
of class songs.

NEW MAYOR MUNYON'S OF NEW YORK

George B. McClellan Installed With Ceremonies Not at All Elaborate.

NOT SINGLE STEP BACKWARD

New Municipal Chief Says He Will Fulfill Trust to Interest of the Many.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-George B. Mc-Clellan became Mayor of New York city to-day. He arrived at the City Hall, accompanied by his secretary, John 11. O'Brien, and walked through lines of Democrats under an arch of plants and flowers to the Mayor's public reception room, where he was greeted by the re-

tiring Mayor. The ceremonies were not elaborate, and speeches were brief. After shaking hands with his successor,

Mr. Low said: "Colonel McClellan, the hour has come when I am permitted to give the city intt your care, in obedience to the will of the people. Any one who has been Mayor of New York will always be eady to honor its chief magistrate. Mayor, I am glad, as one of the standard of citizens, to salute you and to wish you well." response Colonel McClellan said in

"I believe I can only fulfill the trust



GEORGE B MCCLELLAN.

of municipal government, not in the in-terests of the few, but in the interests of all the people, I believe in party re-sponsibility, but party responsibility ex-ists only us the means of attaining good ends.
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Mr. Low retired to his private office and Colonel McClellan took his stand behind the table in the public office, and handshaking began. All the Democrats in town seemed to be on hand, and long lines, reaching to the City Hall steps, were formed by the police. It took a long time for the Democratic enthusiasts to file by the Mayor's desk. After the reception the new heads of departments were sworn in.

Felice Commisioner McAdoo, after taking office, to-day, issued a statement, in which he said he would do everything in his power to prevent blackmalling, extortion, "grafting," or bribe-taking by the pelice, but it would be useless, he said, to expect a polleeman to be honest if he had to pay for his appointment, promotion or assignment. Therefore, he declared, preferment would rest on merit only, judged by the best service standards.

PHI KAPPAS ARE HAVING ROYAL TIME

Mr. Chesterman as the chosen toastmas-

Mr. Chesterman as the chosen toastmaster, he looked into the faces of the following of his brothers from far-scattered States:

Dr. Alexander G. Brown, Jr., Richmond, Vn.; Dr. W. Wythe Davis, Richmond, Alfred T. LeVine, Nashviše, Tenn.; J. Herbert Walte, Bailtimore, Md.; James E. Skillington; Dr. William J. West, Richmond, Va.; John N. Hume, Portsmouth, Va.; W. W. Montgomery, Jr.; L. L. Conrad, Randolph-Macon; Charles M. Graves, Richmond; Joseph C. Peck, Alpha Gamma; Dr. Hugh M. Taylor; L. D. Grant; D. E. Brown, Dali'as, Tex.; James Mc-Evoy, Jr., Baltimore; Thomas McAdams, Richmond; Nelson S. Groome, Hampton, Va.; Stevenson H. Walsh, Philadelphia; Thomas D. Merrick, Richmond; Walker C. Cottrell, Richmond; A. C. Dieffenbach, Fittsburg, Pa.; Robert Strange; Frederfick J. Singley; J. Hartley Merrick; Frank B. Bower, Phikadelphia, Pa.; Ralph P. Barnett; Claude A. Swanson; John Pope Paer; Luther F. Witmer; George P. Earby, Baltimore; Roland B. Stye; Seott S. Lelby; M. L. Ong; Houtten Smith; Gould R. Anthony, University of Malne; W. B. Athey, Baltimore; D. C. Lefere; G. Briggle, Champaign, Hi; C. Reginald Perrier, Berkley; Robert N. Baer; Roland R. Marchant, Baltimore; D. C. Lefere; G. Burgle, Champaign, Hi; C. Reginald Perrier, Berkley; Robert N. Baer; Roland R. Marchant, Baltimore; J. Collins Lee, Baltimore; A. M. Jens, A. E., Chloago; S. W. Napler, Alabama; O. B. White, Hichmond; K. J. McKay, Tampa, Fla.; G. Herbert Waksh, Jr., Philadelphia, Ph.; M. B. Harrell, Nashville, Tenn.; R. T. Wilson, Jr., Richmond; Malcolm A. Coles, Pichmond; C. S. McNulty, W. V. Collins, Jr. M. B. Harrell, Nashville, Tenn.; R. T. Wilson, Jr., Richmond; Malcolm A. Coles, Pichmond; C. S. McNulty, W. V. Collins, Jr. M. B. Harrell, Nashville, Tenn.; R. T. Wilson, Jr., Richmond; Malcolm A. Coles, Pichmond; C. S. McNulty, W. V. Collins, Jr. A. E., Chloago; S. W. Napler, John E. Edwards, University of Virginia; Frank Canpf, University

Dr. Strange Welcomes. Mr. Chesterman was particularly happy in his opening remarks. He was also brief, in his opening remarks. He was also brief, saying in conclusion that he was going to let the visitors talk, and that when a Virginian let others do the tulking it was a sure sign the "others" stood ace high in his estimation. He presented but one Richmonder, Dr. Robert Strange, rector of St. Paul's Church, who delivered an admirable address of welcome, Properly brief, the talk was a delightful bit of after dinner speech-making.

When he had concluded, Mr. George P. Bagby proposed three cheers of "old

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EPITHETS PAW-PAW



Captain Churies A. DeArnaud, Washington, D. C., the man of whom President Lincoin said, "Congress and the
nation owes Captain DeArnaud a debt
of gratitude for his services to Gen.
Grant," and whose damage suit for
\$200,000 against Gen, Parnsworth has
attracted such wide attention, says: "I
was a great sufferer from vertige and
could hardly walk. A Grand Arny comrade induced me to try Paw-Paw, and
the results have been marvelous. I des ro
to thank you in behalf of all sufferers for
the good you are doing."
(Signed) CHAS. A. DE ARNAUD.
I want overy wank and debilltated person to give Paw-Paw a trial.
I want overy doctor carefully to test
this remedy and then honestly tell the
public the results. Captain Churles A. DeArnaud, Wash-

public the results.

I want every clergyman, when he feels exhausted, to take Paw-Paw and then tell his friends what he thinks of it.

Sold by all druggists. Large bottles \$1.

Paw-Paw Laxative Pills, 35c. a bottle.

were given so vociferously that possibly the marble Jefferson neard them, though he discreetly said nothing. Other teasts responded to were: The "Grand Chapter," by Mr. J. Hart-ley Merrick. "Alpha Chapter," by Hazeltine Smith, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.

"Alpha Mu Chapter, the Baby," by Mr.
E. T. Woods, Massachusetts Institute of 'The North," by Mr. G. R. Anthony, of

Maine.
"The South," by Mr. T. R. Sarton, of Tulane University, New Orleans.
"The East," by Mr. George P. Bagby,

of Baltimore. The West," by Mr. C. R. Perrier, of

"The West," by Mr. C. R. Ferries, or California, "Sisters, Our's and Other Men's," by Mr. C. S. McNulty, of Lexington, with a grand wind up on "Ole Virginny," by Mr. J. L. Thomas, Charles E. Word and A fine orchestra discoursed, and it did Claude A. Swanson.

A fine orchestra discoursed, and it did not strike up a popular selection without the entire company considering its duty to sing it through. And so with feasting, speaking, singing and withal, with happy hearts, the evening came to To-day business sessions will be held

and to-night a theatre party will be in-dulged in at the Bijou. The visitors are apparently delighted with the reception and treatment at the hands of their Rich-

Virginia.... ...Briefs

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
'NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 1.—Odd-Fellows'
Hall, built in 1851, was condemned today. Unless it is repaired or torn down
there will be lively times in fraternal circies here. The Mayor hus the matter up
and has summoned the trustees before
him.

Place.
SUFFOLK, VA.—Hazel, the eight-yearold daughter of Mrs. John Warrenton, of
Surry Courthouse, ba., yesterday was
burned to death.
ROANOKE, VA.—The Roanoke Eiss
gave their annual dinner to the roor women and children of the city in Assembly
Hall to-day, Twelve hundred plates werlaid.

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LEXINGTON, VA.—By the accidental discharge of a gun yesterday while hunting, Howard Zollman, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. Charles Zollman, of Buffalo, near Lexington, was shot in the right hand, necessitating its amputation CAPE CHARLES, VA.—Some miscreant fired a revolver and threw a number of bricks at pussenger trains Nes, 81 and 91 this morning near Cheriton Station, and Sidney Kellam, a passenger on the former train, was struck on the head by one of the bricks and slightly mured.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—Negotiations are in progress looking to the erection of a new ground floor theatre here. The new play-house will cost about seventy thousand dollars.

SUFFOLK, VA.—There were emancipation day celebrations in Suffolk and Smithfield to-day.

ORGANIZING FARMERS.

Col. Cuningham, of North Carolina, Would Aid Va. Producers. Colonel John S. Cuningham, of North Carolina, who is leading the movement caronia, was a same of this State, as these of North Carolina now are, for tich own mutual benefit and protection against the effects of low prices for farm against the effects of low prices for farm products, is in the city for a day or two On Wednesday Colonel Cuningham ad-diessed a large meeting of Prince Ed. ward and Cumberland county farmers and organized a branch of the associa-

and organized a branch of the association. He expressed himself as much pleased with the reception accorded him by the farmers of Virginia and the interest taken in the project.

The object of the movement, as stated by Colonel Cuningham last night, is to organize the farmers in such a way as to secure intelligent and concerted action in the matter of acreage to be planted in cotton and tobacco and other stapies and to urge farmers to grow their supplies at home. The association is very strong in North Carolina, and is fast goining strength in this State. It is aimed at no particular trust or combination, but is designed to benefit the individual farmer in the ways stated.

Colonel Cuningham has just been chosen orator at the Grand Ledge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, to be held at Raleigh, January 12th. He expressed himself as much

Colonel Berkeley Here. Among the well known visitors in the city is Colonel Landon C. Berkeley, Jr., one of the leading members of the Danville bar. Colonel Berkeley is the guest of his brother, Capiain R. M. Berkeley, at The Powhatar, and will be in the city for a few days. He is well known in Richmond, where he has many warm friends. Colonel Berkeley stated last night that his visit here was purely a social one.

Always Remember the Cull Name axative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days On every box. 35

EXCHANGED

Spirited Controversy Between Mr. Glass and Captain Marshall, Prominent Men Both.

AN ENCOUNTER UNLIKELY

Lie Given and Charge That Captain Marshall Has Disgraced Himself.

A recent editorial in the Lynchburg News, Congressman Carter Glass' paper, excertating the white Democrats who have been identified with the fusion movement in Norfolk county, and per sonally criticising Colonel R. C. Mayshall and others identified with that wing of the Democratic party in that Russia Is Said to Have Declined county, has precipitated a controversy between Colonel Marshall and Mr. Glass, in which epithets more emphatic and

offensive than polite have been used, The editorial in question was evidently from the pen of Mr. Glass himself, one of the most trenchant, direct and emphatic writers of the State, and attracted wide attention and comment, Colonel this, which, according to his statement, he submitted to the Norfolk Public Ledger, which had printed the News editorial, but he asserts that the Ledger upon Colonel Marshall had printed in hand bill or circular form the card submitted to the newspaper. It is in the form of an open letter addressed to Mr. Carter Glass, owner and editor of the Lynchburg News, and is of a nature which twenty-five years ago, would almost inevitably have meant a duel. "A Political Cancer."

Colonel Marshall's Circular.

It is in response to this that Colonel Marshall comes back in the open letter to Mr. Glass, the gist of which is here given, verbatim:

"In said editorial you seem to avoid the force of my figures by a scurrilous and vituperative attack upon into personally and also my brother Democrata, who, with some ago wrested the county of Norfolk from negroule and gave it to a white man's supremacy, which it has maintained to this day.

"For myself, I have to say that your insinuations and assertions reflecting upon me and my course politically. I resent with all the force I am capable of victors, hypocalitical and lying. I shall publish this in the newspaper which published your editodul hors, if I cam allowed, and if not, will have handbills struk off, which I shall mail to such friend at I may have in Lynchurg and cisswhers, to whom I think it well to send them."

The News Speaks Plainly. The News Speaks Plainly. In the Lynchburg Nows of yesterday Mr. Glass prints a rejoinder to this letter, in the course of which he ways:
"It seems sad that one who has been esteemed an honest man and a gentleman cannot now make a better ometivation to the literature of the Norfolk county seems all the Miller and the Norfolk county seems at the letter of the letter of the Norfolk county for the letter of the credit, if in any degree less interesting, would have been a convincing answer to the damaging, historical recital and tell-tale figures presented by the News in proof its charge that Norfolk county, for years, has been in the grip of political printer, destitute alike of party doctrine and decent uppose. Our arraignment has been open, specific and as a temporate of the second and as temporated.

is nothing 'gratultous' in a pusho Journal standing for the integrity of its State government. It is not integrity of its State government. It is not integrity of its State government. It is not integrity to advocate common honesty in politics. It is not 'lying to tell the truth about a corrupt conspiracy, monstrous in its character and stated in its consequences. If Capitalin Marsinal seriously thinks so, he is not control that the solution of the control of the con

Encounter Not Likely. The Norfolk correspondent of Times-Dispatch contributes the appe statement as to the controversy and the improbability of an encounter between the

two gentlemen: "Friends here of both Captain Richard "Priends here or both Captain Richard Coke Marshall, Commonwealth's attorney of Norfolk county, and the Hon. Carter Class, congressman from the Lynchburg District, deny that there is any occasion to fear a cartel as the result or the recent spirited correspondence between the two gentlemen in the public prints. Any such intimations are very far out of the way, it is asserted, although the lie has been publicly given, and one of the parties has been charged with having disgraced himself. The prominence of the men makes the matter of more than passing interest, It is dealed that Captain Marshall's aspirations to the governorship had anything to do with the quarrel.

Want a Dispensary.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., January 1.—Much interest is taken and an active movement being made in regard to a dispensary at this place. Some of the best citizens are taking hold of the matter and intend pushing it through. They have considered the subject from every point of view, and think a dispensary probably more to be desired than local option.

The revenuef rom this source will help to pay the town sergeant. Otherwise the town would have to be taxed twice as much.

A Surprise Marriage. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mr. W. C. Ogburn, a prominent business unanhere and Miss Rinnie Johnson, of Summertleid, surprised their friends by Schring married as a fitting beginning of the New Year, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. J. Ogburn, father of the groom, at the home of Mr. S. E. Inudson.

Progressive Results of 1903

The following cheerful telegram was received this morning by Messrs. Howard Swineford & Son, general agents of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

"New York, December 31, 1903.

'Messre, Howard Swineford & Son, General Agents for Virginia, No. 1110 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.1

"Outstanding, fourteen hundred millions; new insurance, three hundred and twenty millions; assets, three hundred and eighty millions; surplus, seventythree milliones income, seventy-two millione; payments to policy-holders, thirtytwo millions; dividends to policy-holders, largest amount ever paid by this or any other company.

"Happy New Year to all. "Q. E. TARBELL, Second Vice-President."

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING

to Agree to Japan's

Proposals.

WAR SEEMS

In Some Places It Is Said the Reply Has Not Yet Been

Made.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, January I.—The Far Eastern outlook is gloomy. No further news has developed, but the fact that not a single telegram from Japan has been received by any London newspaper since Thursday night in itself creates alarm. The telegraph company is not aware of any delay in the transmission of messages, and it therefore is supposed that the Japanese Government is stopping dispatches. The feeing of apprehension was reflected at Lloyds yesterday, underwriters demanding additional premium to cover a war risk on all vessels, no matter of what nationality, proceeding cast of Singapore. The London morning papers print alarmist statements. The Daily Telegraph, in leaded type, says; "Even in diplomatic circles hitherto sanguine of peace, there is a recognition that a rupture is all but inevitable. Neither Japan or Russia will abate any of their claims, and there is no disposition on either side to invite the mediation of riendly powers. It is believed that Japan will take decisive steps within the next few days, unless a conciliatory message is dispatched from St. Petersburg, a contingency which those best able to form judgment do not anticipate."

The Daily Mail deals similarly with the situation, and says that it understands that Russia has reached a decision, which, when communicated to Japan, must precipitate hostilities.

The salling of the Nippon mail boat Inaba Maru, which was fixed for yesterday, from England has been postponed.

The Daily Mail's Maita correspondent reports that five Russian torpedo boat

The Daily Mail's Maita correspondent reports that five Russian torpedo boat destroyers, which are undergoing repairs there, have suddenly been ordered to sea in an unfinished condition.

REFUSE PROPOSALS.

The Japanese Minister in London Thinks War Almost Inevitable.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Baron Hayashi, the
Japanese minister here, has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to grant the Japanese pro-

rosals.
This is the first intimation any one here admits having received anent the

This is the little processed an ent the Hussian reply.

The Baron said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"If my information from Paris is borne cut by the wording of the Russian reply, and if the Japanese government adheres to its present determination, there seems to be small possibility of averting war.

"My fnormation from Paris," said the initiative of Japan, "is not official, but in connection with information imparted to me by the British government, it is probably only too correct.

"If Chancellor Von Buelow's statement that Russia's reply will be framed in a manner intended to satisfy Japan turns out correct, it will be better news than I have dared to hope for."

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed one of the foreign ambassadors that he has practically given up all heres of peace.

At the embassy here the statement made by Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minis-ter, to-day that he had been informed from Paris that Russia had decided not to grant the Japanese proposals, is re-garded as being most grave, especially in view of the minister's statement that his information came from Paris and the fact that he permitted such information to become known at this critical stage,

No Reply as Yet.

BY Associated Press.)
BT. PPTERSBURG, Jan. 1.—The foreign
office to-day informed the correspondent
of the Associated Press that nothing had
been done in connection with a reply to

Japaneso minister here is unable to The Japanese minister here is unable to centirm or deny advices received from Paris by Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, that Russia had decided not to grant the Japanese proposals. He says an answer to these proposals has not yet been made. It is generally accepted in diplomatic circles heer as unlikely that an answer will soon be delivered, and attention is now mainly directed to the Japanese war preparations.

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corps here has been in possession of for several days. But, it is conceded that until Russia's reply is actually submitted any discussion of its contents must be more or less speculative.

MONTGOMERY COURT.

Close Shave on Election of Sur-

Close Shave on Election of Surveyor and Supt. of the Poor.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., Jan. 1.—
County Court convened here Tuesday.
The county and district officers qualified before Deputy Circuit Clerk George
Wilson, as Cantain H. D. Wade, the
clerk, was too sick to be in his office.
The fellowing officers were sworn in: R.
I. Roop, Commonwealth's attorney; W.
M. Dunkler, treasurer; W. D. Martin,
shorlff; C. L. Price and R. C. Walters,
commissioners of revenue; C. W. Surface, E. F. Smith, C. A. Crumpacker and
W. D. Oliver, supervisors. The treasurer,
sheriff, clerk and one commissioner of
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The old Beard of Supervisors were advised that the new board should elect the sounty surveyor and superintendent of the poor, but when it was given out by The Times-Dispatch that the Legislature had provided that the Legislature had provided that the county sudge should appoint these officers before January 1, 1994, the old beard was hurriedly summoned to meet to-day to make recomendations to the judge, and resulted in a unanimous vote for W. J. Hall for county surveyor, and a tie vote between H. U. Collins and T. H. Walters, for superintendent of the poor.

The worst drought in years for the time of the year now prevails and many people have to haul water.

Most ice houses have been filled with a fine quality of ice.

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The wheat prospect for next year are very poor and a half a crop is not ex-

RAILROADS AND

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General Manager C. H. Ackert, of the General Manager C. H. Ackert, of the Southern Railway, has sent out a circular announcing that Mr. S. J. Collins, general superintendent of the eastern district, having resigned, Mr. C. S. McManus has been appointed general superintendent of the eastern and western districts, with office at Greensboro, N. C. The appointment was effective January 1, 1994,

At the general offices of the Chesapeako At the general offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway it is stated that no determination has yet been reached in the matter of the contemplated removal of the offices from this city to Clifton Forgo or clsewhere. The matter will probably be taken up by the directors some time soon, but no time has been set for con-

Mr. f. T. Preston has been appointed commercial agent of the Rock Island system at New Orleans in place of Mr. C. L. Eggleston, who has ben transferred to this city, where he will represent the same line together with the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf.

The Big Four Railway, of which Mr. M. E. Ingalls is president, has placed an order with the Pullman Car Company for forty passenger coaches for service on

ARRIVAL HERALDED.

Bridal Couple's Baggage Told of

Their Coming.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mr.
Thomas Meade and bridg, who were married in Danville yesterday, spent the night at the Guilford, going on a Southern errival and their situation, for the trunkay were full of post-nuptiats chalk bandinase and three cow bells jangled as the baggage horses jogged up the street.

For a New Hospital.

begin the erection of a hespital hore. Dr. Charles L. Scott last night received a notication from Mr. William C. Kolley. Superintendent of construction for the association, that he would arrive here next Tuesday to commence operations. The hospital will be built after the latest approved style of hospital architecture. It will contain 400 beds, and will cost from 300,000 to \$70,000 for the superstructure. It is intended to make it one of the best hospitals south of Equilmore.

The Hoopskirt Spectre.

Certain Paris fashlon writers are making desperate attempts to resurrect the hoopskirt. The modistes of Ruo de la Paix declare that they will lend themsolves to no such style. Nevertheless the has been proved time and time agains that fantasy alone rules fashlon.

Hoopskirts were not very manageable, but women with the sedentary habits of forty years ago got along with them easily enough. How would it be to-day, when the strenuous life is much femining as it is masculine?

If the fatal decree should be issued from Paris perhaps the American women will be as sensible and strong minded as was the Princess of Wales, who always an enthusiastic sportswoman, refused to The Hoopskirt Spectre.

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ATTITUDE CHANGING.

Russia Being Adversely Influenced by Japan's Attitude.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—It has been known here for the last few lands have been consulted by Japan's attitude has been changing, as a result of the belicose nolicy which Japan is pursuing, and that Russia's attitude has been conceillatory course. It is relterated that if there is any breaking of of relations, Japan, not Russia, will take the initial step.

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